

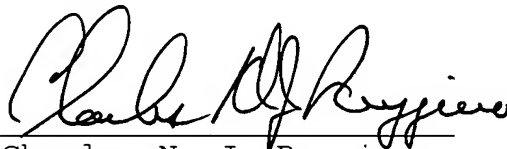
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 75 are presented for examination in the present application upon entry of the instant preliminary amendment.

The specification has been amended to include the priority claim to International Application Serial No. PCT/EP03/10220, as well as the headings required by MPEP 608.01(a). Claims 1 through 75 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Specifically, claims 1 through 75 have been amended to include the transitional phrase "comprising", to correct translation errors, correct verb tense, use proper Markush group format, and provide proper antecedent basis for all claim elements.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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